

COUNTRY Poland

TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Sochaczew, Wloclawek and Ostrowo

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1. Prior to 10 March 1951, a Soviet detail of 5 officers and about 25 EM, including a captain who was the ranking officer, was located in Sochaczew (Q 53/P 48) in a three-story former apartment house, 100 meters south of the cemetery, on the west side of the road to the borough of Boryszew. The officers of the detail wore epaulets with black stripes and the EM had black epaulets. The detail was equipped with three passenger cars and 2 or 3 trucks. No other Soviet troops were observed in the Sochaczew area.
2. Neither barracks installations nor troops were located in the towns of Sochaczew and Wyszogrod (Q 53/K 40). Thirty security police wearing khaki-brown uniforms with long trousers, buckle puttees, about 15 cm high, laced shoes, and service caps with black bands, were quartered in billets at the UB (security police) office in Sochaczew in February 1951. The EM wore red-and-white triangular patches pointed downward. Officers wore rectangular black patches bordered with a twisted silver cord. Any period served in the UB counted as active military duty.

Ostrowo.

3. Prior to late October 1950, Polish infantry units were located in the Ostrowo (P 52/C 98) barracks installation situated on the north side of the street to, and about 300 meters east of, the railroad station. The EM wore khaki uniforms; the officers also had service caps with red bands. Two or three companies, equipped with rifles and submachine guns only, were frequently observed marching out of the installation toward the post training grounds located on the eastern perimeter of the town and on the north side of the road to Pruslin (P 52/C 98). Occasionally the units were accompanied by horse-drawn vehicles.
4. Another barracks installation, located in the southern sector of the town and about 1 km south-southeast of the railroad station, was occupied by Polish infantry prior to late September 1950. No Soviet troops were ever observed on the streets.

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Wloclawek.

5. A barracks installation of 2 large EM billets, 1 officer billet and several low wooden barracks buildings is located on Długa Street in the southwestern sector of the city of Wloclawek (Q 53/J 73). Prior to August 1949, the installation quartered an NCO candidate school and a Polish troop unit, and, according to an NCO candidate, also some Soviet soldiers in August 1949.
6. One more undamaged barracks installation, the occupation of which was not specified, is located in the northwestern sector of the city, on the Vistula River, west of the Zgłowiacka brook. Two cantonments occupied by Polish troops were also known to be located near the bank of, and southeast of the bridge over the Vistula River. *

25X1A * Comment. Previous reports stated that engineer troops were stationed in Wloclawek.

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